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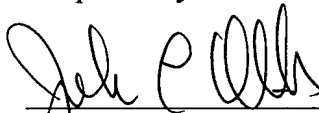
Claims 9, 10 and 12 have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies. All other claims remain unchanged.

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned with any questions concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John C. Altmiller', is written over a horizontal line.

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